

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Jim:

It meant an awful lot to receive your very nice letter on the occasion of my appointment as DDCI. I waited until confirmation and swearing-in before answering and I hope you will pardon the elapsed time between receipt of your letter and the sending of this one.

I want to do the new job well. I do think the pendulum has swung, certainly in the hearts and minds of the people across the country, and I think on Capitol Hill as well. We have new guidelines to govern us as we move into the future. That future will be marked by problems galore, but there will be an equal number of opportunities and I think the future will be a rosy one.

I certainly do thank you for your invitation to get away from it all on occasion and go to visit you and Betty at Smith Mountain Lake. It certainly does sound attractive. I know you must be enjoying it there and I look forward to paying a visit at some time in the future.

I want to wish you all the best and I do hope you will come to Washington on occasion; we can break a little bread, talk a little treason, and I can benefit from your advice and counsel as we plan the future.

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Best wishes to you and your good family.

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[Redacted Signature]

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